



September 12, 2002

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

SUBJECT: Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company Electric Default Service Solicitation

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Fitchburg Gas and Electric Light Company ("FG&E") expects to issue its semi-annual Electric Default Service solicitation during the next week. The solicitation is scheduled to cover the period December 2002 through May 2003.

Effective January 2003 the Massachusetts program for Renewable Energy Credits ("RECs") will require that certificates for 1% of total retail sales be covered by RECs applicable to 2003. FG&E has divested of its power supply portfolio and the only power that FG&E takes retail title to is to meet Standard Offer and Default Service obligations. Our Standard Offer Service is covered by a contract that ends in February 2005. FG&E will acquire the required RECs for SOS obligations in the marketplace, as the SOS contract does not provide for meeting REC requirements.

It is FG&E's intent that this upcoming Default solicitation will include a requirement for the successful supplier to provide RECs sufficient to meet the 2003 1% REC requirement for the January through May 2003 portion of the solicitation. In accordance with the REC rules, the supplier will have until the close of trading for the 4th Quarter of 2003 (expected to be June 15, 2004) to provide the REC certificates to FG&E's account with NEPOOL.

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Very truly yours,



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